

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 475

By Russell

A RESOLUTION to honor THP Capitol Protection Unit officers Sgt. Denney Mitchell and Sgt. Adam Simpkins for their heroism.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we honor those individuals who, during the course of their duties, endeavor to protect the lives of their fellow citizens, braving great dangers and putting themselves at risk to save others; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) Capitol Protection Unit (CPU) Sgt. Denney Mitchell and Sgt. Adam Simpkins were truly heroic in their response to an emergency situation on the afternoon of February 28, 2023, ultimately saving the life of a man in peril; and

WHEREAS, the CPU was alerted to the presence of a man on the outer edge of the James Robertson Parkway Bridge in Nashville at approximately 2:40 p.m., and CPU Sgt. Mitchell and Sgt. Simpkins immediately responded to the call; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Mitchell gave the man a hug and assured him that everything would be okay, and both troopers comforted the man and kept him secure until Metropolitan Nashville Police Department and Nashville Fire Department units responded to assist; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Mitchell and Sgt. Simpkins drew upon their training for assisting with mental health crisis calls in order to bring the man to safety; and

WHEREAS, their quick thinking and compassionate action were invaluable in helping to deescalate and bring about a positive outcome in a potentially deadly situation; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that we recognize Sgt. Denney Mitchell and Sgt. Adam Simpkins for their exceptional act of heroism at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we commend THP Capitol Protection Unit Sgt. Denney Mitchell and Sgt. Adam Simpkins for their act of heroism on February 28, 2023, commending their service to the citizens of Tennessee and extending our best wishes for continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.